



## September 9, 2007 Newsletter

Twenty-six parishioners and staff from the five parishes in our cluster have completed their preparation work and will begin to work in September on recommendations to Bishop Lennon. Our cluster includes five parishes: St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Mark, St. Mel, Ss. Philip and James, and St. Vincent de Paul.

During July and August, the full Cluster Planning Committee met for prayer and discernment to organize the next year's efforts. Sr. Anne Victory, HM, is serving in the important role of Committee Facilitator. In addition, four individuals were appointed as officers and members of the Agenda Subcommittee: Dan Vanek, Chairman (St. Ignatius of Antioch), Tom Woods, Vice-Chairman (St. Mel), Fr. Mike Ausperk, Secretary (St. Vincent de Paul), and R.V. Threadgill, Communications Officer (Ss. Philip and James).

The next two meetings will occur this Fall. Parishes will exchange staffing and financial information. At these meetings, the group will discern priority ministry assessment issues relevant to Bishop Lennon's request for recommendations to increase the Church's evangelization outreach in our area and to make up our cluster with four parishes, four priests, and three schools.

The cluster planning effort is in need of your participation. This is not the work of a few people – it is the work of all the church. Please set aside time on a regular basis to pray for success in this work. Ask God to grant wisdom and energy and a spirit of loving cooperation to those who carry out the work. Ask that those from our neighborhoods who have lost faith or never had faith will come to know God's love. And ask that God's glory be our only motive.

Additional information on cluster planning activity throughout the Diocese can be found on the website [www.vibrantparishlife.org](http://www.vibrantparishlife.org). Information about the Lorain Avenue Cluster is available at [www.svdpcleveland.org](http://www.svdpcleveland.org).

If you have questions or suggestions, please give them to the Committee members from your parish. The Committee members are:

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Mike Hoag

Fr. Jim McGonegal

Sr. Dianne Piunno, SND

Marge Ricksecker

Dan Vanek (Chairman)

St. Mark

Al Abel

Cheryl Birchfield

Fr. John Miceli

Donna Wimbiscus

St. Mel

Sally Armstrong

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Tom McFadden

Maria Pelleschi

Tom Woods (Vice-Chairman)

Ss. Philip and James

Frank Carangio

Kathleen Lynch

Irene Smith

Fr. Joe Spolny

R.V. Threadgill (Communications Officer)

Wayne Watson

St. Vincent de Paul

Fr. Mike Ausperk (Secretary)

Mary Kay Kotsybar

Chris Krempel

Fr. Jack Manning (District Delegate)

Bob Zalewski

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